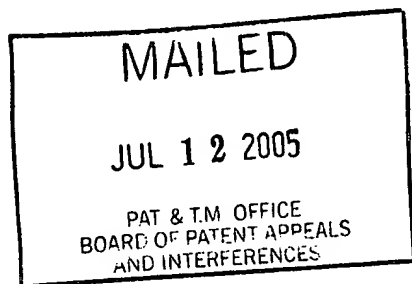




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semiconductor device

The above-identified application or patent has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with another application or patent. An interference has been declared. The interference is designated as No. 105,339.

Notice is hereby given the parties of the requirement of the law for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of any agreement "in connection with or in contemplation of the termination of the interference." 35 U.S.C. § 135(c).

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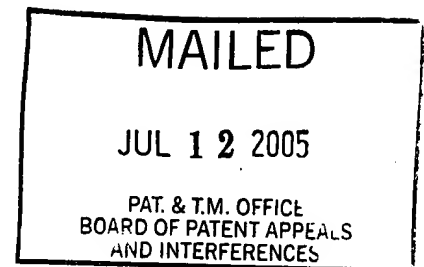
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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TAKASHI NOGUCHI and
YASUSHI SHIMOGAICHI
Junior Party
(Patent 5,943,593),

v.

HONGYONG ZHANG, NAOAKI
YAMAGUCHI and **YASUHIKO TAKEMURA**
Senior Party
(Application 09/633,869).



Patent Interference No. 105,339

DECLARATION

Part A. Declaration of interference

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) between the above-identified parties. Details of the application(s), patent (if any), reissue application (if any), count(s) and claims designated as corresponding or as not corresponding to the count(s) appear in Parts E and F of this DECLARATION.

Part B. Judge managing the interference

Administrative Patent Judge Jameson Lee has been designated to manage the interference. 37 CFR § 41.104(a) [Bd. R. 104(a)].

Part C. Standing order

A Trial Section STANDING ORDER [SO] accompanies this DECLARATION.

The STANDING ORDER applies to this interference.

Part D. Initial conference call

A telephone conference call to discuss the interference is set for **1:00 p.m. (eastern) on 6 September 2005** (the Board will initiate the call).

No later than **two business days** prior to the conference call, each party shall file and serve by facsimile (SO ¶ 4.5) a list of the motions (Bd. R. 120; Bd. R. 204; SO ¶ 26) the party intends to file.

A sample schedule for taking action during the motion phase appears as Form 2 in the STANDING ORDER. Counsel are encouraged to discuss the schedule prior to the conference call and to agree on dates for taking action. A typical motion period lasts approximately eight (8) months. Counsel should be prepared to justify any request for a shorter or longer period.

Part E. Identification and order of the parties

Junior Party

Named inventors: TAKASHI NOGUCHI
YASUSHI SHIMOGAICHI, both of Kanagawa, Japan

Patent: 5,943,593, granted 24 August 1999, based on
Application 09/083,926, filed 22 May 1998

Title: Method for fabricating thin film transistor device

Assignee: Sony Corporation

Accorded Benefit: 5,817,548, granted 6 October 1998, based on
Application 08/745,284, filed 8 November 1996

Senior Party

Named Inventors: HONGYONG ZHANG
NAOAKI YAMAGUCHI
YASUHIKO TAKEMURA, all of Kanagawa, Japan

Application: 09/633,869, filed 7 August 2000

Title: Method for laser-processing semiconductor device

Assignee: None

Accorded Benefit: 09/236,620, filed 26 January 1999
08/400,867, filed 8 March 1995

6,096,581, granted 1 August 2000, based on
Application 08/641,695, filed 2 May 1996

The senior party is assigned exhibit numbers 1001-1999. The junior party is assigned exhibit numbers 2001-2999. Bd. R. 154(c)(1). The senior party is responsible for initiating settlement discussions. SO ¶ 18.

Part F. Count and claims of the parties

Count 1

Claim 37 of Application 09/633,869

or

Claim 1 of Patent 5,943,593

The claims of the parties are:

Noguchi: 1-8

Zhang: 1, 8, 10, 12-13, 19, 21, 23-24, 30-37, 44, 46,
48-49, 55, 57, 59-60 and 66-72

The claims of the parties which correspond to Count 1 are:

Noguchi: 1-7

Zhang: 1, 8, 10, 12-13, 19, 21, 23-24, 30-37, 44, 46,
48-49, 55, 57, 59-60 and 66-72

The claims of the parties which do not correspond to Count 1, and therefore are not involved in the interference, are:

Noguchi: 8

Zhang: none

Part G. Heading to be used on papers

The heading in SO Form 1 must be used on all papers filed in this interference.

See SO ¶ 7.2.1. The administrative patent judge and parties must be indicated as follows:

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Part H. Order form for requesting file copies

When requesting copies of files, use of SO Form 4 will greatly expedite processing of the request. Please attach a copy of Part E of this DECLARATION with a hand-drawn circle around the patents and applications for which a copy of a file wrapper is requested.

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JAMESON LEE
Administrative Patent Judge

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Copy of STANDING ORDER

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